

Pat J. Daniel, Assistant City Secretary read the description or captions of the Items on the Agenda.

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Thursday, January 2, 2020

An Inauguration Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, January 2, 2020; Mayor Sylvester Turner presiding with Council Members, Amy Peck, Jerry Davis, Abbie Kamin, Carolyn Evans-Shabazz, Dave Martin, Tiffany D. Thomas, Greg Travis, Karla Cisneros, Robert Gallegos, Edward Pollard, Martha Castex-Tatum, Mike Knox, David W. Robinson, Michael Kubosh, Letitia Plummer and Sallie Alcorn; Ronald Lewis, City Attorney, Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega, Agenda Office present.

At 11:21 a.m. Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and requested for all Council Members to come take their seats.

Mayor Turner requested everyone to bow their heads for the Invocation and he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Roll was Called.

Mayor Turner stated that they probably won't be able to get anyone else in the Chamber because they are at maximum capacity and requested to hold in bringing anyone else in at this time.

Council Member Knox moved to delay the adoption of the Minutes and seconded by Council Member Cisneros, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner requested the Assistant City Secretary to call Item 1.

Mayor Turner stated that the position itself has been posted, the choice for Mayor Pro Tem is Council Member Dave Martin.

1. **CONFIRM** appointment of Mayor Pro Tem – was presented, moved by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Kubosh, Council Member Gallegos voting no, balance voting aye. **MOTION 2020-0001 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner congratulated Council Member Martin and Members of Council applauded for Council Member Martin. b

**NOTE:** Items 2 & 3 were considered as 1 MOTION

2. **RECEIVE** nominations for appointment of Vice Mayor Pro Tem – was presented,
3. **CONFIRM** appointment of Vice Mayor Pro Tem – was presented,

Mayor Turner recognized Council Member Davis; Council Member Davis thanked everyone for running and for the Council Members putting themselves out there and as the longest serving Council Member within the term limits, after making this vote he will no longer be Vice Mayor Pro Tem but Council Member Davis moved to nominate Council Member Castex-Tatum for Vice Mayor Pro Tem and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none. **MOTION 2020-0002 ADOPTED**

Mayor Turner congratulated Council Member Martin and Members of Council applauded for Council Member Castex-Tatum.

- 4. RECOMMENDATION** from the Director Administration & Regulatory Affairs for purchase and approval of Individual Fidelity Bond Form for **SYLVESTER TURNER, MAYOR** in the sum of \$50,000.00 and **CHRIS B. BROWN, CITY CONTROLLER** in the sum of \$50,000.00 as required by the City Charter and the Code of Ordinances - \$1,400.00 - Total Premium - Property and Casualty Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Martin and seconded by Council Member Robinson, all voting aye, nays none.
- MOTION 2020-0003 ADOPTED**

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**MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS** - Council Member Martin first

Members of Council commented and thanked everyone for their support to help them be seated around this horseshoe.

Council Member Davis stated that he is here representing his people in District B because his term has ended and the obligation to make sure that District B voters has someone to represent them at this horseshoe. This past Election the vote didn't go down in District B because they didn't have a Representative on the Ballot. They asked him the question if he would stay and he agreed to stay a while and we'll make sure we get this process going and he hopes the Courts take action because this isn't his seat. There needs to be someone in this seat, and he prays that the Courts will act swiftly.

Mayor Turner stated for clarification purposes, Council Member Jerry Davis is serving because the Texas State Constitution says that one must carry over until such time a Representative is chosen. Just as soon as the Legal issue is resolved and the duly Elected Representative for District B is chosen; Council Member Davis's seat would come to an end and that new Council Member will come automatically and assume that position. He hopes that the Legal issue will be resolved very quickly, and he believes there's a Court Hearing on January 24, 2020 and there will be some finality in one sense or another. Mayor Turner believes that members of District B understand that this is not a situation where Council Member Davis is just holding onto the seat and again, he hopes the Courts will move quickly and the parties that are involved recognize that it's important that the people have representation as soon as possible.

Mayor Turner stated he wanted to make a few acknowledgments and they are going to wrap up because there are number events for the Council Members throughout the City of Houston. he wanted to acknowledge the Congresspersons that are present and who have been very supportive of the City of Houston, Mayor Turner recognized Mayor Yolanda Ford from Missouri City and Senator Royce West from Dallas. Former State Representative Helen Giddings that is also from Dallas is present.

Mayor Turner stated he wanted to acknowledge his daughter Ashley Turner that is here and acknowledge number of his sisters and brothers and rest of his family that are present in the Chamber or Legacy room. Mayor Turner also wanted to recognize the City Secretary Anna Russell because this is the first time in a long time that Anna Russell has not been here when we are starting off a new session. She has been a City of Houston employee for 65 plus years

especially at a time when there are more women on the City Council in the City's history, Anna Russell is one tough person and someone saying no in leaving this Earth and willed herself forward, he can't say enough about Anna Russell and we want to keep her and her family in our Prayers and thoughts.

Mayor Turner said that he is looking forward to working with each and every Council Member, this is an exciting season for City Council and there are 17 distinct personalities which are good and people who are committed to their Districts and the At-Large Council Members that represent the entire City and this is a great City. There being no further business before Council; the City Council adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

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MINUTES READ AND APPROVED**

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Pat J. Daniel, Assistant City Secretary